(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such Coaches to be built; and

(d) by when they will be made available to Railways authorities for commercial utilisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The first Refrigerated Parcel Van was formally inauguarted on 1st November, 2002 at Ernakulam Junction of Southern Railway. It is running successfully between Gorakhpur-Bangalore since then. It was manufactured by Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala.

(c) and (d) Manufacture of 9 additional Refrigerated Parcel Vans has been planned this year.

Conversion of Sakari-Nirmali rail line

†698. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of Sakari-Jhanjharpur-Nirmali and Jhanjharpur-Loukala meter gauge lines and the separate amount anticipated for broad gauge conversion thereof;

(b) whether these lines located in flood-prone area of Indo-Nepal border occupy special importance;

(c) whether Government have disapproved the conversion because of the same being non-remunerative; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to review the scheme and undertake the conversion work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The length of Saakri-Jhanjharpur-Nirmali and Jhanjharpur-Laukhabazar meter gauge sections is 95.32 km. As per the results of the survey for gauge conversion of the section completed in January, 1999, cost of coversion of the line had been assessed at Rs. 89.71 crore.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The proposal could not be considered due to unremunerative nature, heavy throw forward of ongoing projects and constraint of resources.

(d) There is no proposal at present to review the scheme.

Derailment of Golconda Express

699. SHRI N.R. DASARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of people killed/injured due to derailment of the Golconda Express train over a bridge onto the road in Warangal; and

(b) the details of the inquiry ordered into the incident and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) In the derailment of Golconda Express on 2.7.2003 at Warangal station, 21 persons got killed and 24 others were injured.

(b) Commissioner of Railway Safety, South Central Circle is inquiring into this accident. In his preliminary report, he has mentioned that the accident occurred due to delayed application of brakes by the driver.

Publication of Enquiry Report of Kadalundi Mishap

700. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) in what manner Railway make use of the Railway Safety Fund for preventing the increasing Railway accidents;

(b) whether Railways have identified any priorities which need immediate attention for averting the Rail mishaps;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Railways published the enquiry commission report of Kadalundi mishap in Kerala;